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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FAST LINK FAILOVER

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0040] A method and system for fast link failover is disclosed. According to one embodiment, a method is provided in which a failure of a first link between a network element and an upstream portion of a communications network is detected, and a second link or group of links between the network element and a downstream portion of the communications network is responsively disabled to maintain a communications channel between the downstream and upstream portions of the communications network.